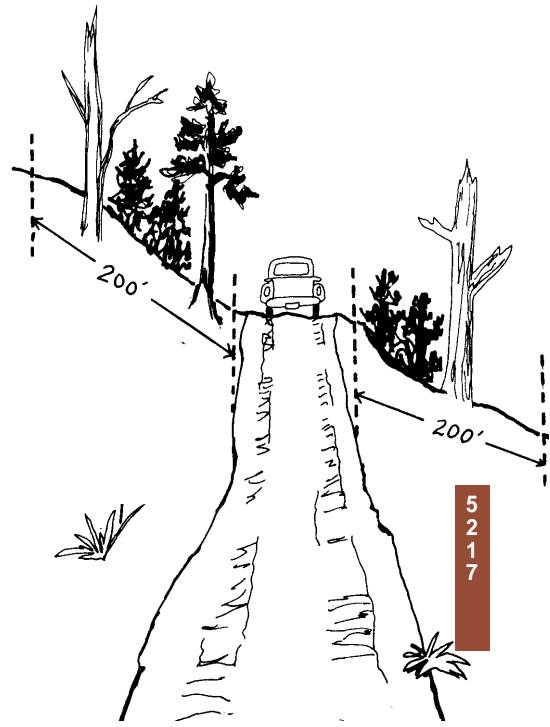


Firewood Removal Conditions



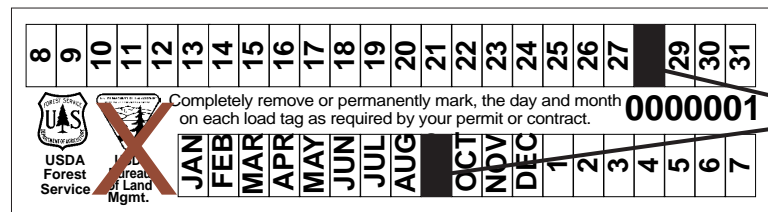
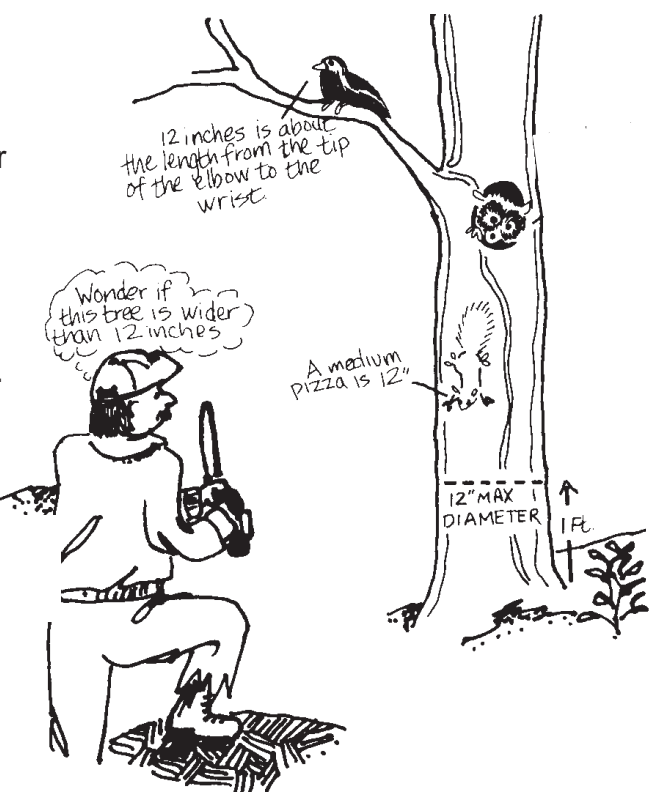
Up to 12 cords of purchased firewood, per household, per year, may be removed with the purchase of load stubs. Each stub cost \$2.50 and is good for 1/2 cord. There is a \$20(four cord) minimum for purchased firewood.

All down, woody material is considered firewood. You may remove dead or down trees only within 200 feet of an unblocked signed National Forest road. Going beyond 200 feet is not allowed. Vehicles must remain on the road.

East of the Okanogan River, on the Tonasket Ranger District only, standing dead trees not larger than 12 inches in diameter (including the bark, measured 1 foot above the ground) may be removed for firewood. There is no diameter limit on the down material.

Dead lodgepole pine only that is under 7" in diameter (including the bark, measured at 1 foot above the ground) may be cut in any length.

Winching firewood is allowed provided your vehicle is on an unblocked, signed Forest Service road, and your firewood is within 200 feet of the road.



Validate the load stub by punching out the month and day you are getting the wood.

Load stubs issued under this firewood removal guide are valid on the Okanogan N.F. only.

Tag Your Firewood. Before leaving each site, you must attach the appropriate number of validated load stubs to the back of the load where it can be easily seen. Attach one stub for each 1/2 cord you are hauling. Amounts less than 1/2 cord still require one stub.

Closed Areas for firewood removal are:

- ★ Beyond 200 feet of an unblocked signed Forest Service road.
- ★ Areas closed by Okanogan National Forest Travel Plan map.
- ★ Within 300 feet of fish bearing streams as shown on this map.
- ★ Within 150 feet of other streams, ponds, lakes, reservoirs, or wetlands not shown on this map.
- ★ Late Successional Reserves as shown on this map.
- ★ Tree signed or marked with any color paint.
- ★ Campgrounds, Trailheads, Picnic Areas, Wilderness Areas or other Forest Service Administrative Sites.
- ★ The North Cascades Scenic Highway (including all side roads) between the east and west scenic highway portal signs.
- ★ Road No. 5400 (Harts Pass Road)
- ★ Timber Sale Areas or other areas signed as "No Firewood Cutting Allowed". (After the completion of a Timber Sale, the area is usually opened to firewood removal).
- ★ Designated Post and Pole areas.



NOTE: In many areas, roads are within 150-300 feet of streams, ponds, lakes, reservoirs, or wetlands. The area between them is closed to firewood removal.

Campers may use up to 1/4 cord of firewood, per day, for each campsite without needing to get a stub. Removal of firewood IN a camp ground is not allowed. Unused firewood must be left in the camp ground when you leave. The same wood cutting rules apply.



Fire Precautions

Cutting and removing firewood from the national forest is controlled by the Industrial Fire Precaution Levels, which is determined on a daily basis during the forest fire season (generally mid-June to mid-October) for the Okanogan Area. There are four Fire Precaution zones covering the Okanogan. These zones are based on mostly elevation, average rainfall and vegetation types.

If you use a power saw (chainsaw), you must have these things with you:

- ★ A good exhaust system on the saw with a screen type spark arrestor installed with a maximum screen opening of 0.023 inch.
- ★ A long handled, round point shovel with an 8 inch (size "0") minimum blade.
- ★ An 8 ounce capacity (by weight) liquid pressurized chemical fire extinguisher or a 1 pound dry chemical fire extinguisher.

Industrial Fire Precaution Levels (IFPL)

- Level I:** Fire precaution requirements are in effect. A one hour fire watch/security is required at this and all higher levels unless otherwise waived.
- Level II (Partial Hootowl):** Power saws may NOT be used from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. local time.
- Level III:** All woodcutting with powersaws is prohibited.

- Level IV (General Shutdown):** All operations are prohibited. The fire danger is very high.

For current Fire Precaution Levels, call: **1-800-527-3305**

The easiest way to find out the precaution class level and restrictions for the day is to check with your local Forest Service office. They will need to know what zone you are going to cut in since the levels vary for each zone. The zones are identified on the maps.

I	II	III	IV	Fire Precaution Class
X	X			Have an approved spark arrestor on your saw, carry a shovel and fire extinguisher. Stay in the cutting area and watch for fire starts for at least one hour after the power saw is shut down.
	X			Shutdown powersaws at 1 p.m.
		X	X	All woodcutting activity prohibited.



Firewood Removal Condition

Upon receiving and signing for your permit, you are agreeing to the conditions listed on this map.

Please read them carefully

- Up to 12 cords of purchased firewood, per household, per year, may be removed with the purchase of load stubs. Each stub is worth \$2.50 which is good for 1/2 cord. There is a \$20 (four cord) minimum for purchased firewood. Purchaser must be 18 years or older to buy a permit.
- All dead or down woody material is considered firewood **except**:
 - Standing or down trees that are signed or marked with any color paint.
 - East of the Okanogan River, in the Tonasket Ranger District **only**, standing dead trees not larger than 12 inches in diameter (including the bark, measured 1 foot above the ground) may be removed for firewood. There is no limit on the down material.
 - There is no diameter restriction for dead lodgepole pine (**only**), standing or down.
 - Dead lodgepole pine **only** that is under 7" in diameter (including the bark, measured at 1 foot above the ground) may be cut in any length.
- Closed areas for firewood removal are:**
 - Beyond 200 feet of an unblocked, signed National Forest road. Going beyond 200 feet is not allowed.
 - Areas closed by Okanogan National Forest Travel Plan map or special closures.
 - Within 300 feet of fish bearing streams as shown on this map.
 - Within 150 feet of other streams, ponds, lakes, reservoirs, or wetlands not shown on this map.
 - Late Successional Reserves as shown on this map.
 - Campgrounds, trailheads, picnic areas, Wilderness Areas or other Forest Service Administrative Sites.
 - The North Cascades Scenic Highway (including all side roads), between the east and west scenic highway portal signs.
 - Road 5400 (Harts Pass).
 - Timber Sale areas, or other areas signed as "No Firewood Cutting Allowed."
- Winching firewood is allowed provided that your vehicle is on an unblocked, signed Forest Service road, and your firewood is within 200 feet of the road.
- The use of tractors, skidders and bulldozers for harvest and removal of firewood is not allowed under this permit without the written permission of the Forest Service.
- Road surfaces, shoulders, ditches, and closure devices (gates or earthen barriers) must not be blocked or damaged. Operating a vehicle off an unblocked Forest Service road is prohibited.
- Tag your firewood. Before leaving each site, you must attach the appropriate number of validated load stubs to the back of the load where it can easily be seen. Attach one stub for each 1/2 cord you are hauling prior to leaving any wood cutting site. Amounts less than 1/2 cord still require one stub.
- Campers may use up to 1/4 cord of firewood per day for each campsite without needing to get a stub. Removal of firewood IN a campground is not allowed. Unused firewood must be left in the campground when you leave. The same woodcutting rules apply.
- Material removed under this permit must be cut to lengths of less than 8 feet: except Lodgepole Pine less than 7 inch in diameter may be cut in any length.
- Stump height must be less than 12 inches and all unused material must be removed from roadways and ditches.
- Payments for purchased firewood load stubs are not subject to refund. Load stubs will expire Dec. 31 of each year.
- All Okanogan National Forest fire precaution restrictions apply to this permit.
- The permittee, and those accompanying her/him, shall indemnify and hold the USDA Forest Service harmless from any claims, loss, cost, injury, expenses, attorney's fees, damages or liability caused by or arising out of the exercise of this permit.
- Any violation of the conditions of this permit may invalidate the permit and result in appropriate legal action including civil damages (36 CFR 261.6).



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Firewood Removal Guide Map - 2003/2004

Thank you for your cooperation in getting the firewood removal guide and load stubs for the Okanogan National Forest. The purpose of this guide is to show where wood removal is allowed.

We recognize the importance of the firewood program to the public. Our goal is to continue the program while providing proper protection to the many wildlife and fisheries living in the Forest.



It is your responsibility to comply with the conditions listed in this guide.

Failure to comply with these restrictions and regulations is in violation of Title 36 CFR 261.6

Please refer to the most recent version of the Okanogan National Forest Travel Plan map for other road and area closures. These maps are free where firewood stubs are sold as listed in this guide.

Please help us manage wisely, and enjoy traveling in your National Forest.

Thank you,
Sonny J. O'Neal
Sonny O'Neal
Forest Supervisor
Okanogan & Wenatchee National Forests

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For More Information Contact:

(Forest Service Offices are normally open weekdays 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

Okanogan & Wenatchee N.F.

Okanogan Valley Office
1240 South Second Avenue
Okanogan, WA 98840-9723
(509) 826-3275
TTY (509) 826-3765

Tonasket Ranger District
1 West Winesap
Tonasket, WA 98855
(509) 486-2186
TTY (509) 486-5144

Methow Valley Ranger District
24 West Chewuch Rd.
Winthrop, WA 98862
(509) 996-4003

Methow Valley Visitor Center
Building 49 Highway 20
P.O. Box 579
Winthrop, WA 98862
(509) 996-4000
Open May through September

Colville National Forest Republic Ranger District
P.O. Box 468, 180 N. Jefferson
Republic, WA 99166
(509) 775-3305



Noxious Weeds

Spread the word, not the weed.

Remove plants hung-up on your vehicle, and avoid infested areas

Firewood stubs and Christmas Tree permits can be purchased at these businesses:

Conconully Hurb's Market
(509) 826-2027
(Closed Winter Months)

Loomis Loomis Kwik Stop
P.O. Box 1
(509) 223-4017

Conconully Gen. Store
(509) 826-3374

Twisp The Train Station
Exxon Mini Mart
412 Highway 20
(509) 997-8782

Omak Texaco Food Mart
800 East Riverside Drive
(509) 826-2965

Hank's Market
Highway 20
(509) 997-7711

Oroville Prince's Center
1000 23rd Street
(509) 476-3651

Winthrop Pardner's Mini Market
Highway 20
(509) 996-2005

Tonasket The Junction
509 So. Whitcomb Ave.
(509) 486-1800

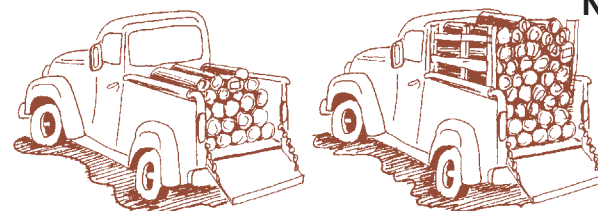
SPECIAL THANKS to the above merchants! You have been a valuable part of our permit program!

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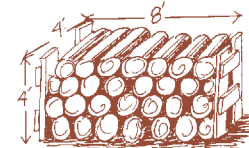
TIPS

Take a map. The Okanogan National Forest Travel Plan map and this Okanogan National Forest Firewood map are free where firewood stubs are sold. Restrictions on both plans apply.



1/2 Cord

1 Cord



1 Cord

Be sure you know what length of firewood works best in your stove. It's best to try loading a piece or two to be sure they fit.

Avoid the crowds. Cut your firewood early. This allows your wood time to dry out during the summer.

Resin becomes creosote in your chimney, especially if wood isn't burned hot enough. Creosote is what burns during chimney fires. Reference the chart below for different wood resin content.

If your chainsaw is hard to start, try cleaning the air filter and spark plug.

Don't pass up the tree already down -- it's often great firewood and easy to gather.

Remember that larch (Tamarack) trees lose their needles in the winter. Don't mistake them for dead trees.



Wetland or Riparian Areas..... are some of the most valuable habitat for wildlife, and some of the most easily damaged. They are the inviting moist, lush areas near streams, springs, ponds or lakes where water loving plants like willows and aspens grow. While water is the common ingredient in riparian areas, it's the thicker vegetation that really defines them....the same vegetation that, along with the water source, is so important to wildlife.

Riparian areas are closed to firewood removal. This helps protect the area and dead trees that may eventually fall into the streams improving habitat. Large wood in streams provides: a slower water flow; a place for fish to hide; and holds back silt that can cover and ruin spawning grounds downstream.

In the Okanogan National Forest firewood removal is not permitted within 300 feet of fish bearing streams or within 150 feet from any other streams, lakes, ponds, reservoirs, or wetland.

Wildlife Trees....

Many kinds of wildlife depend on snags as well as healthy, living trees, and logs both on the ground and in the streams.

A standing dead tree is called a "snag."

Snags are used by wildlife for:

Courting
Nesting
Raising young
Feeding
Sleeping
Hibernating
Hiding
Hunting
Roosting
Storing Food

In the Okanogan National Forest, in addition to firewood gatherers like you, snags and down wood are used by insects, amphibians, reptiles, fish, and about 35 different birds and 17 different mammals, including:

Woodpeckers
Nuthatches
Chickadees
Owls
Hawks
Eagles
Wood ducks
Goldeneyes
Bluebirds
Squirrels
Chipmunks
Raccoons
Martens
Bats

There is life in dead trees.